

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act.

House passed H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act.

House passed H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2004.

House Committees ordered reported 14 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9061–S9160

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1379–1385. **Pages S9118–19**

Measures Reported:

S. 1382, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

S. 1383, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S9118**

Patients First Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to protect patients' access to quality and affordable health care by reducing the effects of excessive liability costs. **Pages S9061–83**

During consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 264), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S9083**

State Department Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 925, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9086–89**

Adopted:

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1139 (to Amendment No. 1136), to make certain improvements to the bill. **Pages S9092–93**

Brownback Amendment No. 1138 (to Amendment No. 1136), to allow North Koreans to apply for refugee status or asylum. **Pages S9093–94**

Boxer Amendment No. 1141 (to Amendment No. 1136), to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. (By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S9095–S9104**

Brownback Amendment No. 1145 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide support for democracy in Iran. **Pages S9105–07**

Allen Amendment No. 1144 (to Amendment No. 1136), to enhance efforts to combat the piracy of United States copyrighted materials. **Pages S9108–11**

Pending:

Lugar Amendment No. 1136, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9086–89**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 1135 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide justice for Marine victims of terror. **Pages S9107–08**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2003. **Page S9160**

Child Tax Credit: The motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1162, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit was made. **Page S9094**

During consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 266), Senate tabled the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S9094–95**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-43)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Four record vote's were taken today. (Total-267)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9160.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH/ DOD

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1383) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; and

An original bill (S. 1382) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

AFGHANISTAN & IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine lessons learned during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and ongoing operations in the United States Central Command region, focusing on USCENTCOM areas of responsibility, regional concerns, the Horn of Africa, Iran, the Gulf States, South and Central Asia, weapons of mass destruction proliferation, terrorism and counterterrorism, and security cooperation, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and General Tommy R. Franks, former Commander, U.S. Central Command.

INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, focusing on the role of the Department of the Interior in reviewing revenue-sharing provisions included in Class III tribal-state gaming compacts submitted to the Department for approval, after receiving testimony from Aurene M. Martin, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Zachariah Pahmahmie, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Mayetta, Kansas; Herman A. Williams, Jr., Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Tulalip; Jacob Viarrial, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Pedro Johnson, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; Brenda Soulliere, California Nations Indian Gaming Association, Sacramento; and Frank Chaves, New Mexico Indian Gaming Association, Bernalillo.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James O. Browning, to be United States District Judge for the District

of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman; Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Representative Reyes; James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, who were both introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNAUTHORIZED APPROPRIATIONS RULE

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. Res. 173, to amend Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate with respect to new or general legislation and unauthorized appropriations in general appropriations bills and amendments thereto, and new or general legislation, unauthorized appropriations, new matter, or nongermane matter in conference reports on appropriations Acts, and unauthorized appropriations in amendments between the Houses relating to such Acts, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2671–2672, 2674–2690; and; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64, and H. Res. 314–315 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–193); and

H. Res. 30, concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico (H. Rept. 108–194).

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Journal: Agreed to the Speakers approval of the Journal of Tuesday, July 8 by recorded vote of 362 ayes to 54 noes with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 344.

Pages H6419–20

Ready to Teach Act: The House passed H.R. 2211, to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 by recorded vote of 404 ayes to 17 noes, Roll No. 340.

Pages H6353–56, H6363–83

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–183) was considered as adopted.

Pages H6373–82

Gingrey amendment no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–190 that makes technical changes, specifies that implementing reforms shall prepare teachers to understand scientifically based research and its applica-

bility, requires partnership grant applications to contain a certification from the partner local educational agency stating that it will directly benefit from the grant activities, and ensures that the Partnership Grant funding will supplement not supplant other Federal, State, and local funds that would otherwise be expended to carry out teacher preparation activities (agreed to by recorded vote of 416 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 339);

Pages H6378–79, H6381

Kildee amendment no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–190 that requires applications for Partnership Grants to include information on a clinical program component that includes supervision of student teachers, implementation of a mentor program for new teachers, and collection of data on the retention of all teachers to evaluate the effectiveness of the teacher support system;

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Honda amendment no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–190 that provides for the use of Partnership Grants to establish mentoring programs;

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Kildee amendment no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–190 that allows the use of funding for supplemental multilingual computer software to train teachers to teach limited English proficient students; and

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Meeks of New York amendment no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–190 that provides for a partnership between inner city and rural secondary schools to focus on encouraging students in these schools to pursue teaching as a career.

Pages H6380–81

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Agreed to H. Res. 310, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by ye-a-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 338. **Pages H6363–64**

Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act: The House passed H.R. 438, to increase the amount of student loans that may be forgiven for teachers in mathematics, science, and special education by ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 343.

Pages H6356–63, H6383–93, H6419

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–182) was considered as adopted. **Page H6383**

Agreed to the George Miller of California amendment that expands teacher eligibility for \$17,500 loan forgiveness to reading teachers who have obtained a separate State credential in reading.

Pages H6391–93

Agreed to H. Res. 309 the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by ye-a-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 337. **Page H6363**

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2004: The House agreed to H. Res. 312, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by ye-a-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 341.

Pages H6396–6417

Earlier agreed to the unanimous consent request made by Chairman Young of Florida that any general debate in the Committee of the Whole on H.R. 2660 be limited to three hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2004: The House passed H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by ye-a-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 345.

Pages H6393–96, H6417–19, H6420–33

H. Res. 311, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 411 yeas to 13 noes, Roll No. 342. Earlier, agreed to the Linder amendment in the nature of a substitute to the rule that amends H.R. 2657 by prohibiting any funds to be used to provide supplemental dental or vision health insurance benefits for Members and employees of the House of Representatives.

Pages H6393–96, H6417–19

Presidential Message—District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request Act: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted

the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request Act—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed H. Doc. 108–99.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6465–66.

Quorum Calls Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6363, H6363–64, H6381, H6382–83, H6416–17, H6418–19, H6419, H6419–20, and H6432–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

FEDERAL MANDATORY PROGRAMS— INSPECTORS GENERAL ADDRESS WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on A Closer Look, The Inspectors General Address Waste, Fraud, Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Meade, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; John P. Higgins, Jr., Inspector General, Department of Education; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, USDA; Dara Corrigan, Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 215, honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economics; and H. Res. 296, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the

United States and many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century.

The Committee also ordered reported, as amended and without recommendation, H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005.

COMBAT SPAM—LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a joint hearing entitled “Legislative Efforts to Combat Spam.” Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales, III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Paula Selis, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

MAKING HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Making Health Care More Affordable: Extending Premium Conversion to Federal Retirees.” Testimony was heard from Representative Tom Davis of Virginia; and public witnesses.

DISRUPTING THE MARKET STRATEGY—NARCOTICS SOURCE NATIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Disrupting the Market: Strategy, Implementation, and Results in Narcotics Source Nations.” Testimony was heard from Paul Simons, Assistant Secretary, Department of State; Andre Hollis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense; Roger Guevara, Director of Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and Roger Mackin, Counternarcotics Officer and U.S. Interdiction Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on “International Child Abduction: The Rights of American Citizens Being Held in Saudi Arabia.” Testimony was heard from Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE ACT

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on H.R. 2205, National Museum of African American History and Culture Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Kingston and Norton; Lawrence Small, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Robert L. Wright, Chairman, National Museum of African American History and Culture Presidential Plan of Action Commission; Robert R. Howe, Assistant Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; Jeff Trandahl, Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives; Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and a public witness.

SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY—U.S. RECORD 2002–2003

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on A Survey and Analysis of Supporting Human Rights and Democracy: The U.S. Record 2002–2003. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; and Roger P. Winter, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; Harold H. Koh, former Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1707, amended, Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003; H.R. 2330, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; H.R. 1561, amended, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003; H.R. 2086, amended, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1375, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003.

The Committee adversely reported, as amended, H. Res. 287, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; H.R. 1616, Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site Land Exchange Act; H.R. 1651, amended, Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003; H.R. 1658, Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003; H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; H.R. 2059, Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act; S. 233, Coltsville Study Act of 2003; and S. 278, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act.

INDIAN TRUST FUND LAWSUIT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on "Can a process be developed to settle matters relating to the Indian Trust Fund lawsuit?" Testimony was heard from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTION
DIGITAL AND WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY
OPPORTUNITY ACT**

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on H.R. 2183, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Rita R. Colwell, Director, NSF; and public witnesses.

SAVING OUR DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Saving Our Defense Industrial Base. Testimony was heard from Suzanne D. Patrick, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Policy, Department of State; Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—GSA'S 2004 CAPITAL
INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Chairman, Committee on Security and Facilities, Judicial Conference.

**FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION: LESSONS
LEARNED AND APPLIED FROM THE FIRST
GULF WAR**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Force Health Protection: Lessons Learned and Applied from the First Gulf War. Testimony was heard from William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs and Director, TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense; Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Marjorie E. Kanof, M.D., Director, Health Care—Clinical and Military Health Care Issues, GAO.

Joint Meetings**HEALTH CARE COSTS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine technology and innovation in relation to health care costs, focusing on traditional approaches versus new technologies, potential policy solutions, the need for performance measures, rapid access to generic drugs, revised good manufacturing practices, prevention of medical errors, and safety and efficacy studies for approved medical products, after receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Peter J. Neumann, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; and Neil R. Powe, Johns Hopkins University Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology and Clinical Research, Baltimore, Maryland.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 10, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul Morgan Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine "The Accuracy of Credit Report

Information and the Fair Credit Reporting Act", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the high price of natural gas, its effect on the economy and to consider potential solutions, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to review and make recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Singapore free trade agreement and the U.S.-Chile free trade agreement, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Community Services Block grant program, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, S. J. Res.1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, S. 1280, to amend the Protect Act to clarify certain volunteer liability, S. Res. 140, designating the week of August 10, 2003, as "National Health Center Week", S. 764, to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, S. 1301, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, proposed free trade agreement with Chile, proposed free trade agreements with Singapore, and the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Robert C. Brack, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Samuel Der-Yeghiayan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Louise W. Flanagan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Lonny R. Suko, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for Small Business Administration programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to consider proposed legislation regarding VA-provided benefits programs, including the following: S. 257, S. 517, S. 1131, S. 1133, S. 1188, S. 1213, S. 1239, S. 1281, S. 249, S. 938, S. 1132, S. 792, S. 806, S. 1136, S. 978, S. 1124, S. 1199, S. 1282, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review crop insurance products for specialty crop producers, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004. 8:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "Affordability in Higher Education: We know there's a problem; what's the solution?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "NIH: Moving Research from the Bench to the Bedside," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee's investigation into dietary supplements containing ephedra, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1553, to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts; H.R. 2179, Securities Fraud Deterrence and Investor Restitution Act of 2003; and H.R. 2420, Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "Smooth Sailing or an Impending Wreck? The Impact of New Visa and Passport Requirements on Foreign Travel to the United States;" and to consider the following measures: H.R. 2556, DC Parental Choice Incentive Act of 2003; H.R. 2438, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 230, honoring the 10 communities selected to receive the 2003 All-America City Award; H. Res. 274, honoring John Stockton for an outstanding career, congratulating him on his retirement, and thanking him for his contributions to basketball, to the State of Utah, and to the Nation; H. Res. 303, honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., former Mayor of the City of Atlanta, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on his death; and S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wicks Lane in Billings, Montana, as the "Ronald Reagan Post Office Building," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following draft implementing proposals: the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Implementation Agreement Act; and the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Terrorism and War-Time Hoaxes," 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to hold a hearing on the following: H.J. Res. 63, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023; and H.R. 2522, Compact Impact Reconciliation Act, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Competition for Department of Energy Laboratory Contracts: What is the Impact on Science? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, informal markup of the following draft implementing proposals: the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; and the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Number Privacy, following full Committee markup, B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security. Subcommittee on Rules, hearing entitled “Perspectives on House Reform: Committees and the Executive Branch,” 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 925, State Department Authorization Bill.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2660, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2004 (open rule, three hours of general debate).

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